

**Public Hearing on the Proposed Readoption with Amendments of N.J.A.C. 8:8,
Rules for the Collection, Processing, Storage and Distribution of Blood**

On October 18, 2004 at 11:00 am, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Public Health Council (PHC), in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 26:1A-15 and 26:1A-7, will hold a public hearing in the auditorium of the Health and Agriculture Building, John Fitch Plaza, Trenton, regarding the proposed readoption with amendments of N.J.A.C. 8:8, the rules governing the collection, processing, storage and distribution of blood in the State of New Jersey (also known as Chapter 8 of the State Sanitary Code).

The DHSS and the PHC invite the public to attend the October 18, 2004 hearing. Those who wish to testify with regard to the proposed readoption with amendments of N.J.A.C. 8:8 may do so at that time. All testimony during the hearing will be limited to three minutes per person or organization. If, however, a person or organization wishes to submit more expansive written comments during the hearing, the DHSS and the PHC encourage them to do so.

In addition, the DHSS and PHC will be accepting written comments by mail with regard to the proposed readoption with amendments of N.J.A.C. 8:8. The DHSS and PHC ask that those submitting written comments be concise and that each comment pertaining to a specific section of the proposed rules be accompanied by a corresponding citation to that section. Written comments shall be submitted no later than November 19, 2004 to:

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Full text of the proposed readoption with amendments of N.J.A.C. 8:8 can be found in the September 20, 2004 issue of the New Jersey Register or may be obtained by calling the Department of Health and Senior Services, Clinical Laboratory Improvement Service at (609)984-7923.